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### Hours of operation

#### Flyers Inn

Lodging desk 24/7  
Commercial 413-593-5421  
DSN: 589-2700/base Ext. 2700

#### Chapel Center

Chaplain available 24/7  
Pager: 413-785-3195, base Ext. 3031

#### Fitness Center

Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday (non-UTA), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sunday (non-UTA), closed  
UTA Saturdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
UTA Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Bowling Center

Monday-Friday lunch and bowling,  
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### Westover Consolidated Club

Breakfast: 6-8 a.m. until Thursday  
lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
dinner, 5-8 p.m.

#### Westover Dining Facility

Breakfast, daily, 5-8 a.m.,  
\$1.60 for those on per diem,  
UTA status - free  
Midnight meals, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.  
boxed meals provided daily

#### Family Support Center

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday of A UTA,  
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
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closed Sunday of B UTA

#### Legal Office

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Base Exchange

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Shoppette

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Barber Shop (next to BX)

Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
closed Sundays

#### Daily Base Shuttle

Every 15 minutes at meal times to the  
club, dining facility, Hangar Avenue,  
supply, and bowling center.

## Wing medics know price of war



TSgt. Gary, a medical technician with the 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron, checks on wounded patients before transporting them from Ramstein AB, Germany to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

—photo by TSgt. Justin Pyle

by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

Westover's medical reservists train for war and now find themselves closer to the front lines in a real world scenario.

As the dead and wounded were airlifted into Ramstein AB during the weekend of March 22-23, 15 members of the 439<sup>th</sup> ASTS were pressed into action.

"We arrived in Germany at 2 a.m. and hit the ground running," said MSgt. William, superintendent of administration. (Last names of those deployed cannot be published.) Within hours, they were transporting wounded from C-141s to nearby Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center. Among the patients were grenade bombing victims with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, and Marines ambushed by the fake surrender of Iraqi soldiers.

"It was pretty intense," said William. "You hear about casualties on the news, but when you put a face to the statistic, it makes it personal. When you look at a wounded soldier, it brings it all home — it solidifies our purpose," he said.

CMSgt. Mark, 439<sup>th</sup> ASTS medical services manager, said Westover's ASTS team is also at Ramstein, working with a McGuire AFB unit setting up a 100-bed contingency

aeromedical staging facility to work jointly with the 86<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Facility. He mentioned the 16 remains that arrived at the Ramstein morgue recently. "It's sobering... it brings you a lot closer to reality," he said, "But, we're concentrating on trying to keep people alive."

The increased activity came just days after the medical cadre departed Westover on March 21 to work the Aeromedical Staging Facility at Ramstein. The team includes two flight surgeons, nine medical technicians and a pharmacy technician. TSgt. Jeffrey, biomedical equipment journeyman with the 439<sup>th</sup> AMDS, accompanied the ASTS team which is scheduled to be in theater for up to six months.

Westover's ASTS personnel support the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility (MASF) and ASF echelons of medical care.

The 439<sup>th</sup> AES personnel find themselves even closer to the front lines as four Aeromedical Evacuation Liaison Teams (AELTs) are deployed to various locations in theater. According to Maj. Marie Dufault, chief of medical mobility, the four-member AELTs consist of a medical services coordina-

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tor, one flight nurse and two radio operators. A relatively new concept, the AELT works the transport details between the FST and the MASF – and actually flies with the patient until they arrive at a fixed hospital unit.

Westover's AES also deployed a PMI (Patient Movement Item) cell which consists of two personnel who work with operations teams to move medical equipment and order supplies. "They are the logistical aid for medical operations," explained Dufault.

The AES also deploys 11-member MASF augmentation packages to help staff Mobile Aeromedical Facilities. The package includes four flight nurses, six medical technicians and one administration specialist.

To round out the medical treatment alphabet, the ASTS expects to deploy three-member CCATs – or Critical Care Trauma Teams – each made up of a flight surgeon, critical care nurse and a cardio-pulmonary technician. Lt. Col. Stanley Chartoff and Capt. Shawn Howard served on a CCAT in Afghanistan from March to June 2002 and expect to be deployed again any day. They treated severely wounded Apache pilots, Afghani children wounded by land mines and a U.S. Army civilian contractor.

While Westover medical reservists train for medical emergencies, there is always the hope that their skills will not be required – but when they are – there they are.

## Funeral services to be held on April 2 for local Marine

Funeral services for Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Phillip Jordan of Enfield, Conn., will be conducted at Holy Family Church, 23 Simon Rd., Enfield, at 12:45 p.m. on April 2.

Flags in Connecticut have been ordered to half-staff that day in honor of the Marine NCO who died in an ambush near An Nasiriyah, Iraq by an enemy which pretended to surrender and pulled out weapons.

Jordan leaves a wife, Amanda, and six-year-old son, Tyler.



**BIG GULP** – Aerial porters maneuver a Patriot missile battery radar unit onto a Galaxy on Tuesday morning. The desert colored radar unit was recently upgraded at one of Raytheon's Massachusetts plants. A second radar unit was also loaded on the aircraft. *—Photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope*

## Community can show support for our troops

The community wants to say thank you to the troops and often asks for help from Patriot Wing members. The answer is that we cannot fly donations overseas. Also, the Department of Defense urges people not to mail "care packages" except to family members.

The community can help through the Family Support Center at Ext. 3024 and the USO at Ext. 3290.

The Family Support Center is accepting toiletries and other gifts which they are packaging for troops in the Passenger Terminal. Letters written to the troops by children are also being left for them to pick up in the terminal. The USO is accepting non-perishable foods for military families who use

their food pantry. Cash donations can also be made to the USO.

To show support, people can send greetings by the following web sites: [defendamerica.mil/support\\_troops.html](http://defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html), [usocares.org/home.html](http://usocares.org/home.html) or [army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html](http://army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html).

## Pat Stats

Served since Feb. 2, 2003  
3,273 passengers - 875 aircraft  
11,757,853 pounds of cargo  
*Info from MSgt. Jim Garrity, 42APS*

Fuel since Feb. 1  
5,434,389 gallons of JP-8  
*info from Jim Maloney, fuels*



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